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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 4X - Special callsigns 4X75V and 4Z75V will be active from Israel on 1-10 May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. QSL via 4X6ZM and logsearch on Club Log; all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.
- 9A - Radio Klub Grada Zaboka (9A0Z) & friends will be active as 9A1CHRIS on 4-10 May to honour the memory of Kresimir "Chris" Kovarik, 9A5K (8 May 1974 - 27 February 2019). A special QSL card will be downloadable on <http://www.9a0z.com/>. Past President of the Croatian Amateur Radio Association (HRS) and Vice Chairman of the IARU Region 1 HF Committee, Chris was the author of DXlog.net and a competitor in three World Radiosport Team Championships (2006, 2014 and 2018). In 2019 he was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame.
- A9 - Special event station A91WTIS will be active on 10-17 May to celebrate World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (17 May). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via A92AA. The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.
- G - From England, special callsigns commemorating the end of World War II in Europe include GB4VVV run by G0SFJ on 27 April-11 May (the suffix is the distinctive dit-dit-dit-dah used by the BBC in its foreign language programmes to occupied Europe, QSL via eQSL only) and GB75VET run by M0IRU on 1-28 May (QSL via M0IRU and LoTW).
- GI - GB75VEC is the special callsign for the Grey Point Fort Amateur Radio Society to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe. Activity will take place from M10MOD's QTH in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, starting on 7 May. See grz.com for QSL instructions
- GU - The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will run special event station GU75LIB on 6-12 May to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Guernsey from occupying forces during World War II. QSL via the bureau, or direct to GU8ITE. [TNX GU0SUP]
- JA - Once again the ITU Association of Japan's Amateur Radio Club will operate special event station 8J1ITU from 30 April to 31 May to celebrate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May) and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. QSL via the JARL bureau and eQSL.
- LA - Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe (8 May 1945), Hugo, LA5YJ will be active as LI8MAI on 1-31 May. QSL via LA5YJ.

- SV/A - Monk Iakovos, based at the Koutloumousiou Monastery on Mount Athos, is expected to be active again as SV2RSG/A on 7-10 May. He will operate SSB and CW on 20m. QSL direct to Monk Iakovos Kutlumisian, Holy Monastery Koutloumousiou, 630 86 Karyes, Greece
- UN - Commemorating the end of World War II, special call signs UP75P, UP75O, UP75B, UP75E, UP75D, UP75A and UP75POBEDA will be active from Kazakhstan on 2-9 May during the Memorial Pobeda-75 ("pobeda" is Russian for "victory"). QSLs via LoTW and eQSL. Two certificates will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/UP75POBEDA> for information.
- VE - Gilles, VA2EW (VE2TZZ) will be active as CF2T between 8 May and 6 June to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Main activity will be during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via LoTW.
- VU - Special COVID-19 stations from India include AT2SHI (QSL via eQSL, or direct to VU2UUU), AT2TNX (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to VU2KWJ), AT20SH (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to VU2HIT), AT9SS (QSL via VU2NSL and LoTW) and AU2STH (QSL direct to VU2JAU). Additionally, providing assistance to the local governments are AU2COV and AU2IAG from Kolkata (West Bengal), as well as AT2GOK from Bengaluru (Karnataka).

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The April 2020 issue is now available for download at <http://www.425dxn.org/index.php>. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CONTEST UNIVERSITY 2020 ---> The Dayton event has been cancelled, but CTU 2020 will still take place on 14 May. It will be held online free of charge via Zoom, starting at 12.45 UTC (08.45 EDT). Registration is now open on <https://www.contestuniversity.com/>. CTU 2020 will end at 22 UTC (18 EDT) with the presentation of this year's CQ Contest Hall of Fame. The webinar will be recorded and archived.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 17,850 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2010-19), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-70), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Françaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>. [TNX F6AJA].

STAY AT HOME ---> Further special callsigns joining the Stay Home campaign and/or showing support for health care professionals and other key workers during the COVID-19 pandemic include:

Callsign	DXCC	QSL	
6Y6STAYHOME	Jamaica	EA5GL (direct)	
AT20SH	India	VU2HIT (direct) or Club Log's OQRS	
AT2SHI	India	VU2UUU (direct)	
AT2TNX	India	VU2KWJ (direct) or Club Log's OQRS	
AT9SS	India	LoTW/VU2NSL	29/04-28/07
AU2STH	India	VU2JAU (direct)	till 31/05
CB2HOME	Chile	LoTW only	till 14/07
EH7STAYHOME	Spain	LoTW/EB7DX	
GB0GIG	Wales	bureau	01/05-28/05
GB1CCW	England	eQSL	01/05-14/05
GB1KEY	Wales	see qrz.com	01/05-28/05
GB2CCW	England	eQSL	15/05-31/05
GB2SHS	England	eQSL	03/05-24/05
GB5SAH	England	LoTW/G4XEX	01/05-28/05
OZ7STAYHOME	Denmark	LoTW/OZ7DK	
PC19STAYS SAFE	Netherlands	PA7HPH	from 21/05
VI20SH	Australia	LoTW and eQSL	till 06/07
YO1STAYHOME	Romania	LoTW and eQSL	till 15/09

+ SILENT KEYS + Bill O'Kain (K4LTA) passed away on 28 April. Born in 1931 and first licenced in 1956 as KN4LTA, he was a member of the First Class CW Operators' Club (FOC) and was very active in many contests. Bill and his wife Ruby (K4UPS) enjoyed several trips to the Caribbean since 1980 (J37BO, J38A, J6LTA, J70A, J74Z).

Herbert L. Schoenbohm (KV4FZ) became a Silent Key on 29 April aged 84. First licenced in 1954 as W0VXO, in 1968 he moved to the U.S. Virgin Islands. Herb was one of the pioneers in Top Band DXing, and was the third (tied with W8LRL) to gain DXCC on 160 metres back in 1977.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3W9CI (AS-162), 4J3DJ, 5H4WZ (AF-063), 5P1KZX, 9N7AM, C6AGU (NA-001), C91CCY, CB0Z (SA-101), CP6/DK7PE, D2EB, GM7O (EU-123), H1UDL, HP1RN, HU1DL, HZ1DG, SU8WRC, SU8X, TA0/RM0F (AS-201), TC0F (AS-099), TO7DL (AF-016), VP2VB, YU1ZZ, ZD7W.

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